

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A press for making a food patty, comprising:

a mould in the form of a disc defining a weight, said disc having an opening therethrough and defining a weight and an outer exposed generally smooth peripheral sidewall;  
and

a carrying component having a substantially flat panel and a handle affixed to said flat panel, said flat panel having a generally planar surface to contact a food product to be pressed into a patty, said handle being sized to pass through said opening to allow said mould disc to move along said handle, said mould disc being moveable along said handle and positionable to overlie said flat panel thereby to facilitate the application of pressure to said food product, said peripheral sidewall defining a running surface over which an object can be run to remove food product extending therebeyond during formation of a food patty.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A press according to claim 1 wherein said mould is in the form of a disc having has top and bottom generally circular surfaces bridged by a smooth, peripheral said sidewall and wherein said flat panel corresponds generally in shape to said bottom surface.

4. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 3 wherein said opening is positioned at the centre of said disc and wherein said handle is centrally affixed to a surface of said flat panel opposite to said generally planar surface.

5. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 1 wherein said mould and carrying component are formed of stainless steel.

6. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 5 further including a loop affixed to a free distal end of said handle.

7. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 3 wherein said disc has a diameter greater than the diameter of said panel.

8. (Currently Amended) A press for making a food patty comprising:

a substantially flat panel having a generally planar, circular surface to contact food product to be pressed into a patty;

an upstanding member affixed to said panel; and

a ~~weight member~~ weighted disc surrounding said upstanding member and having a generally smooth peripheral sidewall over which a finger can be run to remove food product extending beyond the peripheral sidewall during patty formation, said ~~weight member~~ disc being moveable along said upstanding member between a first position where said ~~weight member~~ disc overlies said panel to facilitate the application of force to said food product and a second position where said ~~weight member~~ disc is spaced from said panel.

9. (Currently Amended) A press according to claim 8 wherein said ~~weight member~~ is in the form of a disc having has top and bottom generally circular surfaces bridged by a said smooth, peripheral sidewall and wherein said flat panel corresponds generally in shape to said bottom surface.

10. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 9 wherein said opening is positioned at the centre of said disc and wherein said upstanding member is centrally affixed to said flat panel.

11. (Currently Amended) A press according to claim 10 wherein said ~~weight member~~ disc, upstanding member and flat panel are formed of stainless steel.

12. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 11 further including a loop affixed to a free distal end of said upstanding member.

13. (Currently Amended) A press according to claim 12 wherein said loop is elongate and acts as a retainer to inhibit said ~~weight member~~ disc from being removed from said upstanding member.

14. (Currently Amended) A press according to claim 9 wherein said disc has a diameter greater than the diameter of said flat panel.

15. Cancelled

16. Cancelled

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18. (Currently Amended) A press according to claim 1 wherein said mould is rotatable about said handle and flat panel are rotatable with respect to said mould.

19. (Currently Amended) A press according to claim 18 wherein said mould is in the form of a disc having has top and bottom generally circular surfaces bridged by a said smooth, peripheral sidewall and wherein said flat panel corresponds generally in shape to said bottom surface.

20. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 19 wherein said opening is positioned at the centre of said disc and wherein said handle is centrally affixed to a surface of said flat panel opposite to said generally planar surface.

21. (Currently Amended) A press according to claim 8 wherein said disc is rotatable about said upstanding member and flat panel are rotatable with respect to said weight member.

22. (Currently Amended) A press according to claim 21 wherein said weight member is in the form of a disc having has top and bottom generally circular surfaces bridged by a said smooth, peripheral sidewall and wherein said flat panel corresponds generally in shape to said bottom surface.

23. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 22 wherein said opening is positioned at the centre of said disc and wherein said upstanding member is centrally affixed to said flat panel.

24. (Previously Presented) A press for making a food patty, comprising:  
a weight member having an opening therethrough; and

a carrying component having a substantially flat panel and a handle affixed to said flat panel, said flat panel having a generally planar surface to contact a food product to be pressed into a patty, said handle being sized to pass through said opening to allow said weight member to move along said handle, said weight member being positionable to overlie said flat panel thereby to facilitate the application of pressure to said food product, wherein said weight member is a disc having top and bottom generally circular surfaces bridged by a smooth, peripheral sidewall and wherein said flat panel corresponds generally in shape to said bottom surface.

25. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 24 wherein said disc has a diameter greater than the diameter of said flat panel.

26. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 25 wherein said opening is positioned at the centre of said disc and wherein said handle is centrally affixed to said flat panel.

27. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 26 wherein said weight member and carrying component are formed of stainless steel.

28. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 26 further including a loop affixed to a free distal end of said handle.

29. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 28 wherein said loop acts as a retainer to inhibit said weight member from being removed from said handle.

30. (Currently Amended) A press according to claim 24 wherein said disc is rotatable about said handle and flat panel are rotatable with respect to said weight member.

31. (Currently Amended) A press for making a food patty, comprising:

a weight member having a passage therethrough; and

a carrying component having a substantially flat panel and a handle affixed to said flat panel, said flat panel having a generally planar surface to contact a food product to be pressed into a patty, said handle being sized to pass through said passage to allow said weight

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member to move along said handle, said weight member being positionable to overlie said flat panel thereby to facilitate the application of pressure to said food product, ~~said handle and flat panel being rotatable with respect to wherein said weight member is rotatable about said handle and wherein said weight member includes a generally smooth outer peripheral side surface disposed above said flat panel that provides a running surface for an object when said weight member overlies said flat panel to enable food product extending beyond the peripheral sidewall to be removed during patty formation.~~

32. (Currently Amended) A press according to claim 31 wherein the ~~periphery peripheral side surface~~ of said weight member extends beyond the periphery of said flat panel.

33. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 32 wherein said weight member and flat panel are generally circular in plan.